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Prior Application: T. TOMARU et al
Serial No. 09/503,739
Filed: February 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2877
Examiner: Delma R. Flores Ruiz
For: SOLID-STATE LASER COMPENSATED FOR
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application
under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial
No. 09/503,739, filed on February 15, 2000, entitled SOLID-
STATE LASER COMPENSATED FOR PUMPING-LIGHT ASTIGMATISM, by all
of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application,
including the Declaration as originally filed.

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2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee						\$ 740.00
Total Claims	9	-	20	=	0 x 18 =	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0 x 84 =	0.00
Total Filing Fee						\$ 740.00

3. A check including the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, four (4) sheets, Figs. 1-8.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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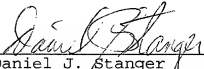
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-066017, filed March 12, 1999

The certified priority document has been filed in the prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/503,739, as originally filed on February 15, 2000.



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